GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ATTENDANCE OF LABOURERS IN FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in place of putting signature or thumb impression in the attendance register by the labourers working in the depots of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), only `P` and `A` is marked for their presence and absence;

(b) whether as a result of this practice proxy labour is in existence in FCI;

(c) if so, the State-wise and depot-wise details of the proxy labour detected in various depots of FCI during the last two years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check this practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): FCI has laid down a detailed procedure for marking attendance of labourers, including showing of identity cards, issuance of work slips, marking of Present/Absent on booking-cum-output slip etc.

(b): Only stray cases of proxy labour have come to the notice of the FCI.

(c): One incident each of deployment of proxy labour has been detected at the FCI depots at Sirsa in Haryana Region and at Manmad in Maharashtra Region. Also, the Unit Incharge, CISF at FCI Central Storage Depot Debram, (FCI District, Siliguri) reported about intrusion of proxy labour in October, 2003.

(d): Apart from checking of identity cards, strict vigil is maintained by the FCI to check proxy labour.